



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas

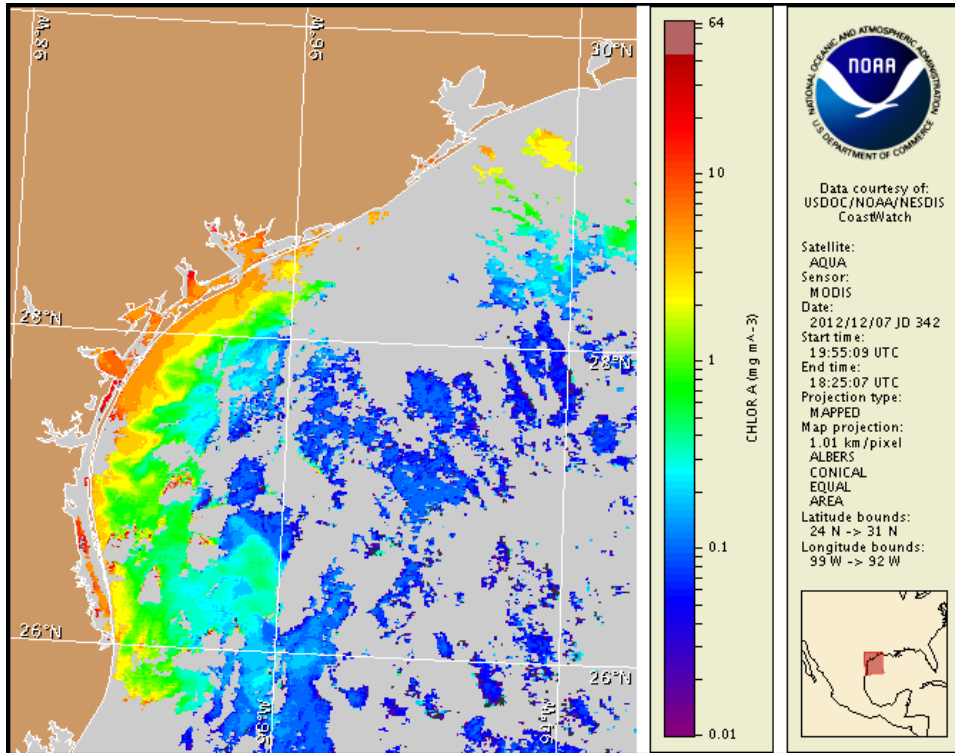
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from November 30 to December 7 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

Detailed sample information can be obtained through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/envconcerns/hab/redtide/status.phtml>

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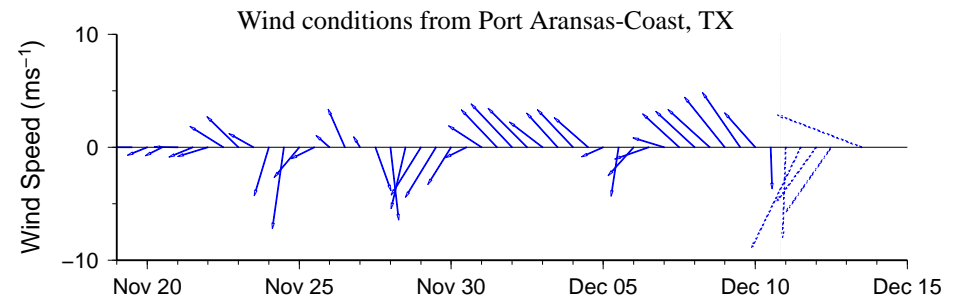
Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as Texas red tide) at the coast in Texas. No respiratory impacts are expected alongshore Texas today through Monday, December 17. For information on area shellfish restrictions, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Analysis

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom of *Karenia brevis* at the coast in Texas. Recent MODIS imagery is obscured by clouds along- and offshore the Texas coastline, limiting analysis. MODIS Aqua imagery from 12/7 (shown left) is obscured by clouds from Sabine Pass to Pass Cavallo, limiting analysis in this region; however, elevated to high chlorophyll (2-11 $\mu\text{g/L}$) is visible in patches along- and offshore from Pass Cavallo to the Rio Grande. Elevated chlorophyll is not indicative of the presence of *K. brevis* and is most likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments along the coast. Forecast models based on predicted near-surface currents indicate a potential maximum transport of 30 km south from the Port Aransas region from December 9-13.

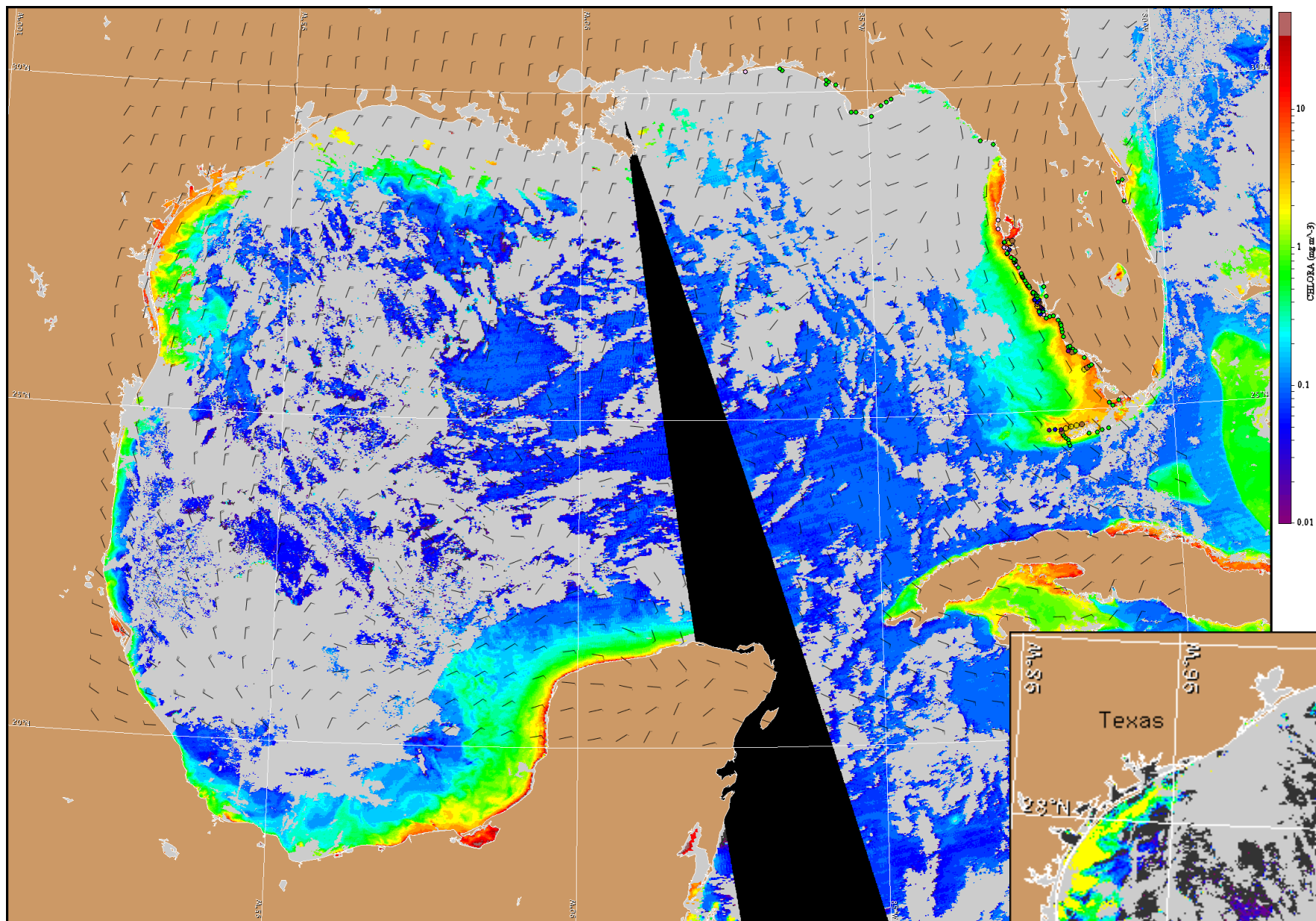
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

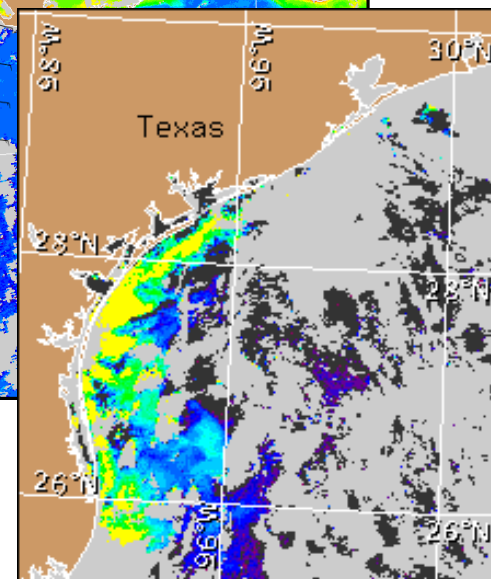
Wind Analysis

Port Aransas: North winds (20-30kn, 10-15m/s) today. North winds (10-25kn, 5-13m/s) tonight and Tuesday. Northeast winds (10-15kn, 5-8m/s) Tuesday night through Wednesday. East winds (10-15kn) Wednesday night. Southeast winds (10-20kn, 5-10m/s) Thursday and Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for December 11, 2012 12Z with cell concentration sampling data from November 30 to December 7 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).